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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 26, 2007. An extension of time is requested and this response is accompanied by the fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). No other fees are believed to be due in connection with this response. However, if any fee is found to be due in connection with this response, authorization is provided to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 502117, and credit any overpayment to the same account. For the Examiner's convenience:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this document.